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**Press Release****For Immediate Release**

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Did you know in 95 percent of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue? Are you prepared to help in a disaster?

If you are interested in learning how you can help your family and others until first responders arrive at the scene of a disaster, just enroll and participate in this free, three-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course.

The CERT program teaches people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and explains basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. By using the training learned in the classroom and during training exercises, CERT members can assist their families and others in emergencies when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

It has been proven that during major emergencies citizens can work together more effectively if they have prior planning and training. CERT training will enhance the ability of individuals and neighborhoods to reduce their emergency needs and to manage their existing resources until professional assistance becomes available.

Completing the CERT course increases citizens' ability to be "ready" during a disaster and qualifies interested citizens to apply for the Norman Emergency Response Volunteer (NERV) program.

It all starts with you enrolling and participating in a CERT course sponsored by the City of Norman Emergency Management, Norman Citizen Corps, and the Norman Emergency Response Volunteer (NERV) program. NOTE: Participants must attend all three days to complete the course.

The next three-day class starts on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm.  
Thursday, April 26, 2012 (6:00pm to 10:00pm) (Ending times are subject to class size)  
Friday, April 27, 2012 (6:00pm to 10:00pm) (Ending times are subject to class size)  
Saturday, April 28, 2012 (8:00am to 5:00pm) (Ending times are subject to class size)

If unable to attend the April 26-28<sup>th</sup> class another course will be offered starting on May 31, 2012.  
Thursday, May 31, 2012 (6:00pm to 10:00pm) (Ending times are subject to class size)  
Friday, June 1, 2012 (6:00pm to 10:00pm) (Ending times are subject to class size)  
Saturday, June 2, 2012 (8:00am-5:00pm) (Ending times are subject to class size)

**For course enrollment contact:**

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**CERT Training is taught at the Norman Fire Training Center (West side of Fire Station #7)  
2207 Goddard Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma / MapQuest Link <http://mapq.st/Ax63os>**